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(g) whether it is situated in the Government building or rented building; and

(h) if in rented building, what the rent paid to it is?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

(e) Yes.

(f) The following are the figures:—

1925–26	49	1930–31	42
1926–27	58	1931–32	33
1927–28	52	1932–33	42
1928–29	53	1933–34	40
1929–30	42		

(g) The hostel is located in a rented building.

(h) Rs. 280 a month.

Co-operation

Measures to ensure publicity of the rules framed under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act.

* 864 Q.—Mr. V. G. Vasudeva Pillai:—Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what action has been taken to broadcast the information contained in the rules framed under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act published in *Fort St. George Gazette,* dated 1st August 1933, to the various societies;

(b) how many co-operative societies in the City and how many in the other districts of this Province have been instructed by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to remove members from the rolls of the societies and when;

(c) whether it is a fact that a circular has been issued by him that the maximum borrowing power of an individual depressed class member of a primary co-operative society should be limited to Rs. 500 and in the case of mortgage of property to a limit of Rs. 1,000 per individual; and

(d) what provision has he made in the case of an individual requiring more than Rs. 1,000 on the mortgage of property?

A.—(a) Under section 19 of the Act, every society should keep a copy of the Act and rules at its registered address and all Central Banks, Federations and Unions have been informed that they may purchase copies of the rules from the Superintendent, Government Press.

(b) The hon. Member has presumably in mind the question of removal from membership of persons who are members of two credit societies with reference to rule XX of the rules issued under the new Act. The provisions of this rule have long been embodied in the by-laws of a very large

number of credit societies. After the issue of the rules under the new Act, the attention of the Deputy and Sub-Deputy Registrars was drawn to the rule so that they might advise all credit societies in the Presidency to take action accordingly. When instances were brought to his notice recently that this rule was not being strictly followed, the Registrar has again asked his officers to take prompt action in cases of violation of the rule. The Government have no information as to how many societies are affected by the rule.

(*c*) No. The maximum limit is ordinarily Rs. 250 but the Registrar has agreed to the individual borrowing power in the depressed class societies in Madras City being fixed at a figure not exceeding Rs. 500 and he has also permitted, as a tentative measure, the introduction of special by-laws in three or four societies to enable the societies, if they so desire, to give loans to their members for the purchase of house-sites up to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 in deserving cases.

(*d*) If there is a demand for loans exceeding Rs. 1,000 for the purchase of house-sites, it is open to the society concerned, with reference to the repaying capacity of its members and subject to the willingness of the financing bank to lend the requisite funds, to suggest amendments to its by-laws for the approval of the Registrar.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to clause (*b*) of the question, is it not a fact, Sir, that the Registrar took action only a week or two ago? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. G. VASUDEVA PILLAI :—" May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (*c*), why the borrowing power has been limited to Rs. 250 in the case of the Depressed Class societies? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Ordinarily it is only Rs. 250 but they can lend up to Rs. 500."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a fact that certain hon. Members of this House have made representations to the Hon. Minister with regard to the staying of proceedings against three prominent co-operators of the City in this matter? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Reference was made to me and the matter is being considered."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. the Minister is aware of the fact that under rule 20, under which presumably action has been taken, it is open to the Registrar or the Government to grant exemptions to prominent co-operators so that they may be members of more than one society? "

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The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Such exemptions are given; but they are generally done only in the case of thrift societies, and not in the case of ordinary co-operative credit societies."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that this rule is acting prejudicially to the interests of the co-operative societies?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I do not think so."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the Hon. the Minister whether he will make investigations into the facts contained in the memorial presented to him, and whether until that time, he will stay further proceedings, which will prejudicially affect prominent co-operators of the city?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I have already told the hon. Member that the matter is receiving the consideration of the Government."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, why this rule exists at all?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"In the interests of the societies, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the intention of the rule is that the co-operators should not borrow from more than one society at the same time, and where no such condition exists, is there any necessity for a strict application of this rule?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"As the hon. Member pointed out, it is with a view to prevent people from borrowing from more than one society; but the Government cannot take into account the cases of individuals. That is why the rule has been in force."

Local Self-Government

Disciplinary action taken by Government for alleged irregularity in the conduct of elections to the Chingleput District Board in 1932.

* 865 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to trace the missing bundles of counterfoils or punish the officer or officers responsible for the loss of the counterfoils in connexion with the election held in 1932 to the District Board of Chingleput?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 830.

Sanction accorded by Government for certain appointments and confirmations on the establishment of the Salem District Board.

* 866 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently passed orders directing the presidents of district boards not to fill up the vacancies in their establishments either by permanent or by acting appointments;